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Appl. No. : 09/446,839  
Applicant : Ernst Michael Winter  
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For : GEMSTONE  
TC/A.U. : 3677  
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Customer No: 30996

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR ONE-MONTH TIME EXTENSION**

Sir:

With reference to the above-identified application, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a), applicant hereby respectfully requests that this application be granted a one-month time extension to August 25, 2005.

This request for time extension is filed concurrently with an **Office Action amendment**.

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17, a check for \$60.00 is enclosed. It is requested that any fees required or any shortages in any fees due, now or at any time during the examination of this application, be charged to Deposit Account 02-1653.

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Respectfully submitted,

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